

## **EFFECTS OF SHEAR AND NORMAL STRAIN ON PLATE BENDING.**

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**Abstract:** The equations governing the bending of plates, taking into account the influence of transverse normal strain, are recast into a form involving the average transverse displacement function,  $w$ . The resulting sixth order bending system of equations is solved for the Levy-type plates, with a variety of boundary conditions considered in the direction orthogonal to the simply supported direction. Results are tabulated for the displacement,  $w$ , together with plate moments  $M_x$  and  $M_y$ . Comparisons are made to corresponding quantities as obtained from the classical plate theory and the shear deformation theory where available.